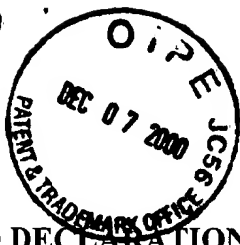


SMALL ENTITY



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**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CONDUCTING
SECURE, ONLINE MONETARY TRANSACTIONS**

the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on April 28, 2000 as Serial No. 09/560,603.
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____
_____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge to the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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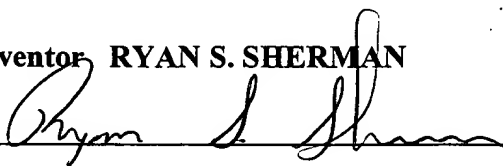
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